

Remove

all plants from boats, motors, trailers, anchors, and fishing equipment before and after launching. *Place plants in a trash can or on high, dry land.*

Dispose

of cooling and livewell water away from the shore after each use.

Avoid

driving, paddling or swimming through any plants.

Volunteer

to inform boaters, distribute flyers, learn to identify invasive plants.

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The New Sticker on Your Boat...



Stickers will be available wherever boats are registered or fishing licenses are sold.

Maine's tough new law

It is now illegal to:

- Transport ANY aquatic plant on the outside of a vehicle, boat, trailer, or other equipment
- Launch a watercraft carrying an invasive aquatic plant on inland waters
- Sell, grow, or introduce invasive aquatic plants

For further information or materials contact:
Maine Department of Environmental Protection

1-800-452-1942

or visit us at

www.mainedep.com

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and
Wildlife

1-207-287-8000

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Help keep Maine waters free of invasive plants

Prevention is simple...

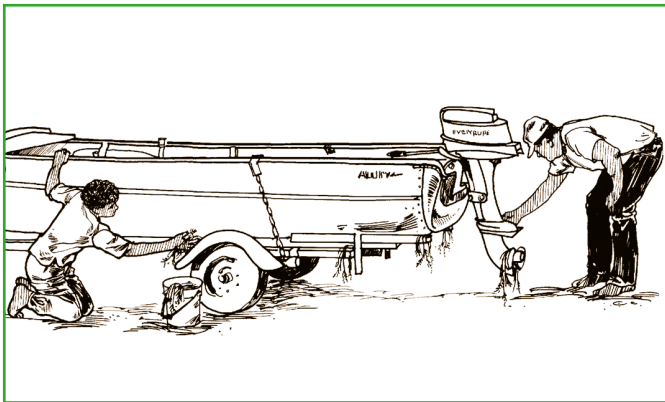
**Clean
your boat
before you
float**



You should know...

Invasive aquatic plants threaten Maine's lakes and streams.

- Just one plant can permanently infest an entire lake!
- Invasive plants are impossible to remove once they are established.
- Invasive aquatic plants spread rapidly.
- Infestations lead to reduced property values.
- Invasive plants ruin boating, swimming and fishing.



Spreading invasive plants...

Boating activity is the primary way plants are spread between waters.

Plant parts carried on boats, motors, trailers, and fishing gear from infested waters can cause other lakes and streams to become infested.

Plants can survive out-of-water for days.



Prevention is the only effective way to control invasive plants

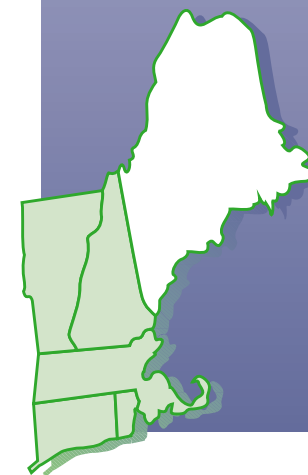
Lake and River Protection Sticker

Beginning in 2002, all motorized watercraft on inland waters must display a Lake and River Protection Sticker.

Your Sticker \$\$ will pay for:

- Inspecting boats and trailers
- Educating boaters and lake users
- Managing infested sites
- Training volunteers
- Reducing the spread of invasives from other states
- Supporting local projects
- Creating a statewide task force

A Small Price to Pay to Preserve Maine's Waters



Maine is the only eastern state where Eurasian Milfoil has not been found